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"A Place to Grow"

Katie Watterson and Correy Harrison are the

owners of Sunflower Montessori, a childcare and preschool center that services infants to six year-olds in Missoula, Montana. The school was founded in November 2007 and currently has two locations. Katie and Correy were looking for a loan to remodel and finish the basement of their 6th Street location in Missoula. The remodeling would allow them to expand their Sprouts program. which is a program for two year-olds. There is a high demand for two year-old programs since there are not many programs who cater to this age range. Katie and Correy came to the Small Business Development Center at Montana Community Development Corporation for assistance in soliciting financing. Amita Patel-Greer, SBDC Director in Missoula, helped Katie and Correy develop a solid business plan and cash flow projections. With SBDC assistance, Katie and Correy secured a loan through Montana CDC and were able to remodel their basement and expand their popular Sprouts program.

SBDC Advisor: Amita Patel-Greer

Clients: Katie Watterson Correy Harrison

Impact: Business Expanded

Financing Received







